

On the Road

THE RELIEF ROUTE — SR 1

Special Announcement — **DELAWARE ROUTE 7 TO US ROUTE 113** — July 1996

AUGUST 13TH PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO KICKOFF ODESSA-SEGMENT CONSTRUCTION

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) will hold a public workshop on **Tuesday, August 13, 1996, from 4 to 8 PM, at the Odessa Fire Hall**, to kickoff construction of the Odessa segment of SR 1, the US Route 13 Relief Route. The location of the Fire Hall is shown on the map on the reverse side of this Special Announcement of *On the Road*.

This workshop is another step in DelDOT's continuing public-involvement program for SR 1. Since construction of the Odessa segment of SR 1 will begin by September, this workshop is intended to explain what, where, when and how the highway will be built.

The Odessa segment begins just south of the newly completed C&D Canal Bridge at Scott Run, bypasses Odessa to the west, and ties into US Route 13 near Sycamore Farms. There are two interchanges along this segment of SR 1—one each at Route 299 west of Odessa and at Boyd's Corner Road—and a toll plaza at the segment's northern end.

The Odessa segment, which consists of three construction contracts, will open to traffic as one section of SR 1. The map to the right illustrates the limits of the three contracts listed below, which are the principal focus of the August 13th workshop:

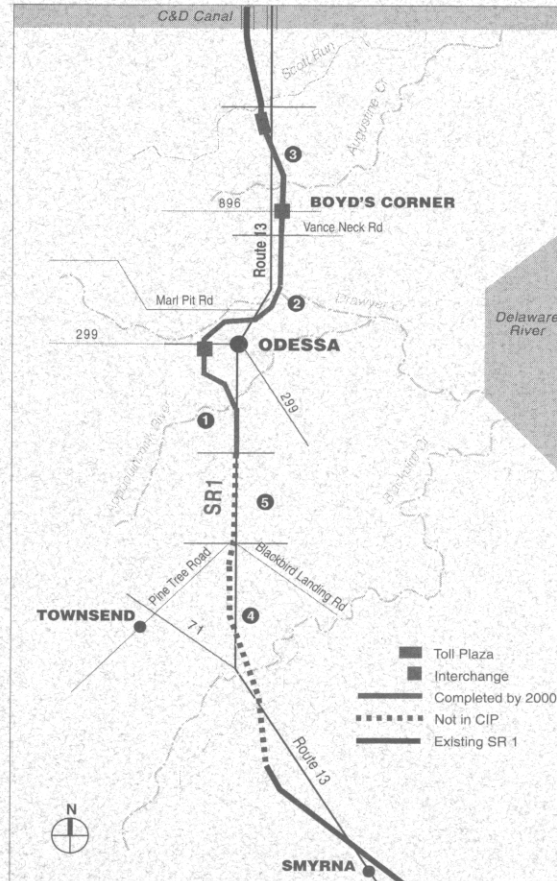
1. Sycamore Farms to Route 299;
2. Route 299 to Vance Neck Road; and
3. Vance Neck Road to Scott Run.

The two other contracts shown on the map and listed below are not currently scheduled for construction; however, plans for these contracts will also be available at the workshop:

4. North of Smyrna to south of Pine Tree Corner; and
5. South of Pine Tree Corner to Sycamore Farms.

The selection of the Odessa segment as the next portion of SR 1 to be constructed is based primarily on traffic need. Since the worst traffic congestion along US Route 13 is at Boyd's Corner and through Odessa, the first three contracts will be constructed first, to relieve this congestion. The first contract—from Sycamore Farms to Route 299—is expected to begin construction by September, and will take approximately two

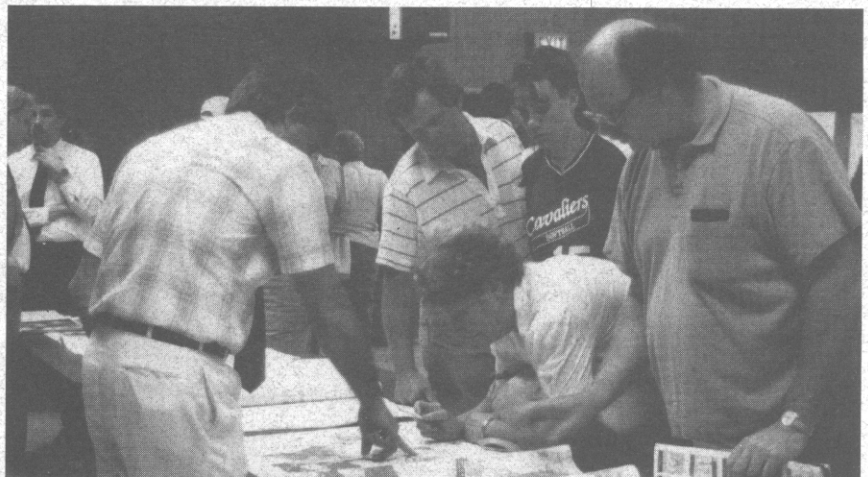
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At a previous Odessa workshop, DelDOT representatives worked with area residents to review plans for SR 1

TO OUR READERS

The State of Delaware and the consultant team are committed to continuing the citizen-input process during the design and construction phases of the project. We invite you to write us with questions or comments regarding *On the Road* or to arrange for a presentation to bring your group up to date on the Relief Route.

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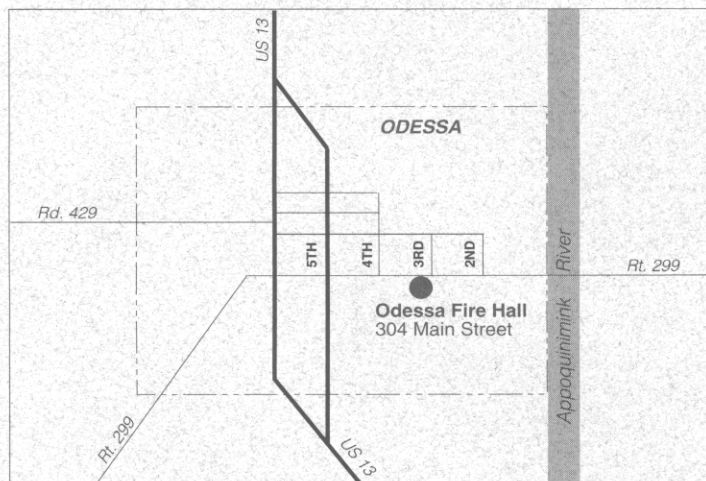
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years to complete. Contract 2 will be advertised for contractors' bids late this summer. The third contract—from Vance Neck Road to Scott Run—is expected to be advertised for bids in early 1997. DeIDOT expects that all three contracts will be completed and the highway open to traffic by 2000.

Contracts 4 and 5, which together stretch from north of Smyrna to Sycamore Farms and represent the areas with the least traffic need, are not budgeted in the state's current six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Since no funds are committed for these two contracts, they are not scheduled for construction at this time.

Construction plans and more-detailed schedule information will be available at the public workshop. Please try to attend so you are fully aware of the construction activities planned for the next several years in the Odessa area. Contact any member of the project team, listed above, if you have questions. ■